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## CERTIFICATE

I, Anthony A. Lapham, am the General Counsel and the custodian of the seal of the Central Intelligence Agency.

This is to certify that Robert W. Gambino, whose affidavit is attached hereto, was at the date thereof the Director of the Office of Security, Central Intelligence Agency.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and caused this seal of the Central Intelligence Agency to be affixed hereto, at Fairfax County, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 9th day of November 1978.

> Anthony A. Laphan General Counsel Central Intelligence Agency

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th November 1978.

Notary Public

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- I, ROBERT W. GAMBINO, being duly sworn, depose and say
- 1. I am the Director of Security, Central Intelligence. Agency (CTA), and as such am the head of the Office of Security. I have held that position since August 1, 1975. I previously have held executive positions in the Office of Security since June 1972
- 2. I am the custodian of the records maintained by the Office of Security. These records are maintained at CIA Headquarters, Fairfax County, Virginia, and in archival.

storage in the regular course of business of the CIA, and it is the regular practice of the Office of Security to maintain such records for CIA. The records system of the Office of Security is a repository for records concerning present or former employees, present or former contractors, or their present or former employees, or applicants for any such employment or contracting, persons who are potential sources or contacts and persons to whom classified information will be disclosed. Under standard Office of Security procedures the names of all such individuals are recorded in the Office of Security records system at the CIA Headquarters at or near the time such information is received at CIA Headquarters The records are referred to in the regular course of business when a security question arises concerning the classes of persons described above. These records also contain information concerning individuals who are of security interest to CIA, such as employees of a foreign intelligence service, but for whom no clearance has been granted.

- 3. Employees under my supervision have searched the records maintained by the Office of Security to determine if the name Michael Vernon Townley was contained in such records. These employees have access to all pertinent Office of Security records and conduct searches of these records in the regular course of their professional duties
- 4. The result of the search to which reference is made in paragraph 3 above has been reported to me by the Office of Security employees who conducted said search. The search revealed that in response to a Directorate of Operations's request, a name check was conducted in December 1970. Office of Security records also revealed that in February 1971, the

Directorate of Operations requested preliminary security approval to use Mr. Townley in an operational capacity. Office of Security files do not reflect whether or not Mr. Townley was so used, but they do reflect that the interest in Mr. Townley was cancelled on 21 December 1971. There is no record of any Agency interest in Mr. Townley subsequent to 21 December 1971.

Director of Security Central Intelligence Agency

before me this 9th day of November 1978.

My Commission Expires 25 March 1981